Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

July 13, 2022

President Joseph R. Biden The White House 1600 Pennsylvania Ave NW Washington, DC 20500

Dear President Biden,

Your recent Executive Order¹ in response to the Supreme Court's ruling in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* is a direct affront to this nation's democratic process and a blatant disrespect for the sanctity of the Supreme Court. We demand that you reverse course and rescind this Order immediately.

As you know, on June 24, 2022, the Supreme Court overturned *Roe v. Wade* in the landmark *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision. After nearly a half-century of injustice, this historic move finally restores the rights of voters to have their views on the issue of life be reflected by their elected representatives at the state level and in Congress. Now that the highest court in the land has unequivocally spoken, it is unconscionable that you would take executive action to circumvent the Supreme Court's decision.

The Supreme Court correctly declared that "[t]he Constitution does not confer a right to abortion." This is the first time in nearly five decades, since the erroneous 1973 court ruling of *Roe v. Wade*, that American voters will have a determinative voice regarding abortion in their state. At last, Americans, working through legislative processes, will be able to enact protections for the unborn into law.

Your Executive Order in response to the Supreme Court's decision is undoubtedly a first step towards circumventing Americans' voice on this issue. While your Administration does not

¹Biden Jr., Joseph R. (2022, July 8). Executive Order on Protecting Access to Reproductive Healthcare Services. *White House*. https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/presidential-actions/2022/07/08/executive-order-on-protecting-access-to-reproductive-healthcare-services/

²Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Org., No. 19-1392, slip op. at 1 (U.S. June 24, 2022).

agree with the seventy-one percent of Americans who support limits on abortion,³ only seventeen percent of American voters share your radical view that abortion should be allowed at any time during pregnancy.⁴ You must not threaten the American voter's Constitutional right to have a say on abortion, and you must not impose your radical views regarding abortion on every American.

It is high time that we return to Constitutional order in this nation. The Supreme Court has returned long-overdue power to the American voters, and we demand that you respect the Constitution's balance of power between the three branches of our great government. Therefore, you must respect the Supreme Court's decision in *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* to give decision-making power back to American voters.

Let the American people be heard, and let our democratic process work as intended. We urge and expect you to rescind your recent Executive Order and to refrain from taking any other executive action that threatens Americans' right to self-determination and the democratic process as it relates to protecting innocent unborn children.

Sincerely,

Andrew S. Clyde

Member of Congress

Vicky Hartzler

Member of Congress

Jim Banks

Member of Congress

Mike Johnson

³O'Neil, T. (2022, January 20). 71% of Americans Support Abortion Restrictions: Poll. *Fox News*. https://www.foxnews.com/politics/americans-support-abortion-restrictions-poll

⁴Brufke, J. (2022, May 9). Poll Finds Overturning Roe v. Wade Won't Have Big Midterm Election Impact. *Washington Examiner*. https://www.washingtonexaminer.com/news/campaigns/new-poll-finds-overturning-roe-v-wade-wont-have-big-midterm-election-impact

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